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Add/Drop Multiplexers

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

It is respectfully requested that reconsideration be made of the final rejection mailed December 9, 2008 in view of the following remarks.